Public Policy Advisory Committee (PPAC)

Inaugural Session Report
to
APNIC Member Meeting (AMM)

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APNIC 35, Singapore
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Agenda for the Inaugural Session

11:00 AM – 11:05 AM	**Seating of Participants**
11:05 AM – 11:10 AM	**Welcome / Introduction to first meeting followed by a brief presentation** by Mr. Naveen Tandon, Chair, Working Group on PPAC
11:10 AM – 11:25 AM	**Discussion on Structure, Functioning, Periodicity of PPAC Meetings**.
11:25 AM – 11:55 PM	- **Interactive session, to identify key focus areas for deliberation on which committee participants would like to work upon.** - **Sub-Groups on topics of interest to form a recommendation / study paper**.
11:55 PM - 12:25 PM	**Individual presentations by participants on topics of interest** - Internet NZ Public Policy Framework, Dean Pemberton, Principal Consultant, Internet NZ - Critical Internet resources and related policies of GoI, R.M. Agarwal, DDG (NT), DoT, MoC&IT, GoI - Regulatory Environment for Internet Services and Financial Position of Indian Telecom Sector, Manoj Misra, Head of Regulatory, C&WW, India.
12:25 PM – 12:30 PM	**Taking stock and way forward**
12:30 PM	**Vote of Thanks** by Mr. Shyam Nair, Co-Chair, Working Group on PPAC

Quick Facts

- Inaugural Session was held on 26th February 2013

- Duration 90 minutes

- Well attended with active participation.

- Around 90 participants attended the session.

- Includes both present in person and through remote hubs.

- Stakeholders from all categories (Government, Industry, Technical etc) attended the session.

- Reflects true multi-stakeholderism.

- Discussion on content and functioning of PPAC

About PPAC

- PPAC in APNIC is a multi stakeholder formal advisory body comprising of:
  - Industry / Community participants
  - Government Representatives

 - PPAC's role will be to work with APNIC on matters related to Public Policy Issues for development of internet in the region.

-   Discuss public policy issues to foster sustainability, security, stability and development of the Internet;

- Facilitate the exchange of information and best practices.

- Strengthen and enhance the engagement of stakeholders in existing and/or future Internet policy developments

Summary of Discussions

<u>Discussions on Structure, Functioning and Periodicity of PPAC Meetings:</u>

- Forum to have a dialogue on various public policy issues related to internet to be held. Discussions should be driven in a manner on the lines of IGF.

- Importance on inclusion of Government as a stakeholder through an planned outreach programme was highlighted and felt imperative. All Stakeholders need to be part of decision making irrespective of numbers.

- Important to have an inclusive dialogue. Need to assess the impact of technical policies to empower communities.

- There may be a planned effort to bring in stakeholders, including government, but the group should definitely stay open to all members from the community.

- Planned purpose and role of PPAC is to be on informal discussions, sharing of ideas and information. Focus on APNIC's agenda and issues, not necessarily on broader Internet governance.

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- Agenda should cover topical and upcoming challenges in the APNIC community.

- Outcome helpful if it helps promote sharing of information and perspectives from all stakeholders, including existing stakeholders and government.

- PPAC / APNIC Secretariat to share policy developments with the stakeholders, for consultation for the benefit of internet in the APNIC region.

- PPAC' focus should be in sync with what APNIC is all about. It should not go beyond the core of what APNIC is about.

- Government needs to be part of the discussion as a key stakeholder. Helpful in understanding each other's perspective for better deliberations and outcomes.

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<u>Discussions on Structure, Functioning and Periodicity of PPAC Meetings:</u>

- Decision on forming a small subcommittee who can help work on the draft rules for a structure, functioning, agenda, periodicity at PPAC.

- The sub-committee to comprise of the following members:

- Dean Pemberton, Principal Consultant, Internet NZ
- Laina Greene, Pt. Intl Bangun Sejahtera,Tbk.
- Dr. Govind, CEO, NIXI
- Amrita Choudhury, CCAOI, India

- A report to be submitted to working group Chairs before APNIC 36 for further deliberations and finalization.

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- **Critical Internet resources and related policies of Government of India,** (R.M. Agarwal, DDG (NT), DoT, MoC&IT, GoI

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Taking Stock and Way Forward

-   PPAC session will be to be held at every APNIC Meeting, APNIC Conference and APRICOT for the coming 3 years.

- Emphasis to be on transforming Internet to Equinet.

-There is a need to have a outreach programme for a wider engagement of Government as a stakeholder in the deliberation of PPAC.

- The required level of protocol as applicable will need to be maintained.

- Mandate of PPAC needs to include all policy matters relating to internet.

- Sub-Committee to submit its report to Chairs of working group before APNIC 36.

Useful Links

- **To join the working group**:

http://mailman.apnic.net/mailman/listinfo/wg-government

-**To view collection of prior postings in the working group**:

http://mailman.apnic.net/mailing-lists/wg-government/

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